

# BOOKMOBILE SERVICE

In 1939 a bookmobile was borrowed from the N. C. Library Commission for a period of two months. This bookmobile served as a demonstration in Wake County to test the need and appreciation for such a service. The results were successful, and with this in mind, the County Commissioners in 1941, appropriated funds for one bookmobile to be used jointly by the white and Negro libraries. The Harrison library used it 8 days out of the month and the Raney library 12 days. Soon it was discovered that in order to meet the growing demands for library service in the rural areas, two bookmobiles should be operating. A request for two bookmobiles was granted in 1947. In 1954, the county commissions appropriated money for two Gerstenslager bookmobiles. This brightly painted walk-in traveling library owned by the Harrison library covers on the average of 700 miles per month and 137 stops are made once a month. It has a shelving capacity of 1600 volumes and dress patterns, magazines and potted plants are also circulated. The average circulation per month is 2500.

Special attention is given to the Home and Farm Demonstration clubs. Where time will permit, story hours are held for children. Personal contacts between librarian and these rural readers afford an opportunity to supply essential materials which will help them to be more useful citizens.



**TOP PHOTO:** The Bookmobile stops for Readers.

**BOTTOM PHOTO:** Inside the Bookmobile